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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, MILITARY PAY OPERATIONS, DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE (PM/CL)

SUBJECT: Interim Change to the DoDFMR, Volume 7A, Regarding Family Separation
Allowance (FSA) (DFAS Item #L-8)

Attached is Interim Change 21-02 to Chapter 27 of the Defense Financial Management Regulation (DoDFMR), Volume 7A. This change implements Section 607 of Public Law 107-107 which authorizes FSA to a member who elects to serve an unaccompanied tour of duty because a dependent cannot accompany the member to or at that permanent station for certified medical reasons. It has an effective date of December 28, 2001.

We have evaluated your comments on the proposed change and included your comments where appropriate. Assignment of the interim change number is your authority to initiate procedural modifications to implement this change. Use the attached to initiate the formal change to the DoDFMR, Volume 7A.

for Gloria D. Harris
Jerry S. Hinton
Director for Finance

Attachment:
As stated

cc: OUSD(C)(ODCFO)(FP)
DASD(MPP)(Comp)
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Service Liaisons
USCG/NOAA/PHS Liaisons
DFAS-DDM/CL
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Family Separation Allowance**1. Revise subparagraph 270104.A.1 as follows:**

“1. FSA-II, Subcategory FSA-R.

a. Transportation of dependents, including dependent acquired after effective date of orders (see Table 27-5, rules 8 and 9), is not authorized at government expense (see paragraph 270301, below) and the dependents do not live in the vicinity of the member’s home port/permanent duty station.

b. Effective January 1, 2002, transportation of dependents is authorized at government expense, but member elects an unaccompanied tour of duty because a dependent cannot accompany the member to or at that home port/permanent station due to certified medical reasons, regardless of the date on which the member first made the election to serve an unaccompanied tour. Prior to January 1, 2002, FSA-R was payable in this situation only pursuant to a Secretarial waiver (see subparagraph 270301.D, below).”

2. Renumber subparagraph 270301.A.4 as 270301.A.5 and insert the new subparagraph 270301.A.4:

“4. Effective January 1, 2002, a member who is otherwise entitled to transportation of dependents at government expense, but whose dependent cannot accompany the member to or at that home port/permanent station due to certified medical reasons is entitled to FSA under this subparagraph.”

3. Revise subparagraph 270301.B to read as follows:

“B. See subparagraph 270301.D, below, for circumstances in which waivers may be granted.

4. Revise subparagraph 270301.D.3 to read as follows:

“3. Waiver under the following circumstances is effective upon the date granted:

a. When ordered to a new overseas duty station where terrorist activity would make it inappropriate for dependents to accompany the member; or

b. When ships in overhaul make temporary home port changes; or

c. When ordered, prior to January 1, 2002, to a new dependent-authorized duty station (in CONUS or overseas) to which dependent movement at government expense (37 U.S.C. 406) is authorized, but the dependents cannot accompany the member to or at the permanent station for certified medical reasons. See subparagraph 270104.A.1.b, above, for rule effective January 1, 2002.”

5. Revise bibliography as follows:

<u>Paragraph</u>	<u>Citation</u>
270104.A.1	37 U.S.C. 427(c) Public Law 107-107, section 607, December 28, 2001
270301.A.4	37 U.S.C. 427(c) Public Law 107-107, section 607, December 28, 2001
270301.D.3	37 U.S.C. 427(c) Public Law 107-107, section 607, December 28, 2001